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SUBJECT: ECONADS: APPRECIATION OF THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF NATO
AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH 1982

REF: A) STATE 238554; B) USNATO 5180

1. AT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 31, US ECONAD CIRCULATED PAPER BASED ON REF A STATING US POSITION ON SUBJECT APPRECIATION. SINCE SOME DELEGATIONS (PARTICULARLY FRG, NETHERLANDS, AND UK) HAD ALREADY AGREED TO ORIGINAL DRAFT, ECONADS WILL CONSIDER MODIFYING APPRECIATIONS AT NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 7 AFTER OTHER MEMBERS HAVE OBTAINED NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS. UK DEL SAID HE FEARED COMMITTEE MIGHT FIND GREAT DIFFICULTY IN PRODUCING AGREED PAPER IN TIME FOR MINISTEERIAL GUIDANCE, SINCE US COMMENTS INVOLVE COMPLETE REWRITING AT LATE DATE. HE EXPRESSED HOPE US WOULD NOT BE COMPLETELY INFLEXIBLE.

2. ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE PLEASED AND IMPRESSED BY CARE US HAS TAKEN IN PROVIDING DETAILED COMMENTS EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT PARAGRAPH 26 OF DRAFT (AC/127-WP/407) CANNOT SIMPLY BE DELETED SINCE IT IS CENTRAL CONCLUSION BASED ON PREVIOUS ANALYSIS AND TABLE ON PAGE 8. HE REQUESTED, THEREFORE, THAT US PROVIDE SUGGESTED WORDING FOR PARAGRAPH 26 AND FIGURES FOR TABLE. OF OECD OR
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OTHER ORGANIZATION HAS MADE SUCH LONG RANGE PROJECTIONS, THESE WOULD BE WELCOME SINCE NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ALL OECD DOCUMENTS.

3. SINCE RESOURCE PARAGRAPHS OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE MUST ALSO BE MODIFIED (REF B), ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTED US WORDING.

4. FRG ECONAD CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT APPRECIATION ITSELF IS CLASSIFIED NATO RESTRICTED, AND THE WORKING PAPER AS A WHOLE NATO CONFIDENTIAL ONLY BECAUSE SOME TABLES IN ANNEX ARE SO CLASSIFIED. HE ASKED WHETHER US COMMENTS CAN BE DOWNGRADED TO NATO RESTRICTED (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) TO FACILATE HANDLING IN CAPITALS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. REPLY TO FOREGOING BY NOVEMBER 6.
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